

ORIGINATORS OF RECALL PLAN CLAIM MANY SIGNED PETITION

ESTIMATES VARY FROM
1200 TO 200 WHO
BACK VOTE
1400 NAMES NEEDED

BELIEVE THEY WILL HAVE NO
TROUBLE GETTING SUFFICIENT
NUMBER TO BRING PROPOSI-
TION BEFORE PEOPLE.

Secrecy continues to enshroud the identity of the "citizens committee" that has started an agitation in Ottawa for the recall of the Commission of Government and change administration affairs back under the old aldermanic system of operating the city. Why this anonymity should be followed is causing deep concern in many quarters, among them being some that have been out and others against the present form from its inception down to the present.

Petitions are in circulation in all parts of the city and as fast as they are filed they are returned to the committee's headquarters in the office of Attorney James J. Conway. Rumors of the number of signers at the present time expand to 1,200 and then shrink back as low as 200. When the total number of 1,400 names as required by law have been obtained, the papers will be duly placed on file in the city offices, for the mayor and commissioners to act upon.

Many Rumors Afloat.

Many and varied rumors are afloat as to just who the coterie of men were that went to Mr. Conway and asked him to draw up petitions that would stand the "acid test" in court. Saloon keepers, who are alleged to be behind the proposition to change government, deny any knowledge of the meeting in Mr. Conway's office. Down town property owners who are accused of trying to "get even" because they were incensed at the assessments charged against their property for the proposed "loop" paving, are others mentioned as fostering the anti-commission form idea. From no source however has the Free Trader-Journal been able to learn just who and what constitutes the personnel of the committee. Mr. Conway, counsel for the devotees of the aldermanic form, refuses to divulge a confidential.

Deny Any Knowledge.

All men mentioned in connection with the instigation of the proposition forcefully denied any knowledge of either the petitions or the agitation to change the form of government, until they read it for the first time in last night's Free Trader-Journal and then they did not know who was responsible for raising the issue. There were half a dozen prominent residents whose names were included in the list and to a man all denied any participation in the movement.

Mayor Silent.

Asked this morning what he intended to do about defending the present form Mayor Bradford said:

"There is nothing that I can say in regard to the matter. The people have the right to revert to the old aldermanic form if they wish it and I do not care to attempt to influence them one way or the other." Their will is my will."

Hold for Year.

Even should the present administration be ousted the mayor and commissioners would hold office until their successors could assume charge of the city government May 1, 1918. The election for mayor and alderman, according to competent legal authority, would be made April 18, next year, and they would be elected to hold office for a year, the regular city election would be held in 1919.

Mr. Prichard for Government.

W. E. Prichard one of the prominent men whose names were connected with the agitation to return to the old government, emphatically denied any knowledge as to the originators or the petition. "You may say for me," said Mr. Prichard, "that I only am not circulating a petition but also that I am in favor of the commission form of government firmly and strongly."

**HIGH SCHOOL LAWN BEING
BEAUTIFIED BY WORKMEN**

Superintendent of grounds, John Montgomery, of the Ottawa high school is accomplishing some excellent landscape gardening. The lawn in front of the high school is being sodded and before long grass will be sown.

Mr. Montgomery expects to have a heavy sod of grass in front of the school before the summer months are over.

WILL REBUILD SPAN AT UTICA; BRIDGE IS TO REMAIN OPEN

TEMPORARY REPAIRS ORDERED
TO BE MADE BY COMMISSION-
ERS IN CHARGE—ESTIMATES
ARE BEING PREPARED.

The Utica, Deer Park bridge which was condemned by the state highway department two weeks ago, as being unsafe for travel, will be repaired immediately and will be invited for the construction of the two north spans which are said to be unsafe.

This action was taken at a meeting held at the bridge yesterday and which was attended by Engineer Oiler, of the state highway department, George Farnsworth, county superintendent of roads and the highway commissioner of Utica and Deer Park and a special committee from the board of supervisors. The engineer estimated that cost of a temporary repair would be \$2,400 and that the two spans could be repaired for \$17,000 and that the \$2,400 expended at the present time would not be wasted as the false work could be used in the construction of the new span. The engineers, Oiler and Farnsworth were directed to prepare specifications for the new spans, immediately. The new bridge will be of steel construction with a concrete floor. The two old spans have been in use for many years. They are of wrought iron construction and long ago out lived their usefulness. The other spans were taken out by a cyclone, which swept thru the Illinois valley about fifteen years ago. The bridge will not be closed during the construction of the false work. But when the act of bridge construction which will not begin until October, it will be necessary to close the bridge for a period of 30 to 60 days.

CAPTAIN BALL TEAMS WILL STAGE GAMES

What promises to be a novel entertainment is to be staged Friday evening at the armory when the championship of the city at captain ball, will be determined. All of the teams in the competition are composed of young ladies who have been coached by Miss Laura Eustis. In the first game of the evening the Daughters of Isabella team will meet a picked team from the Congregational and Methodist churches. In the second game the Baptist and Presbyterian teams will compete. The winners of the two events will compete in the final championship of the city. The affairs is staged on an effort to raise a fund for the Company C.

ALLIENS WILL RECEIVE GUNS AT END OF WAR

Firearms, turned over to Chief of Police Eulich, by aliens will be returned to them at the settlement of the war with Germany—this was announced by Chief Eulich this morning. The guns given the police have been securely wrapped up and each alien is given a receipt.

Thus far only a few revolvers have been received at the station. Failure of aliens to turn over firearms provides for a heavy fine.

FIRST GHENT CAR GIVEN A TRY OUT

The first Ghent motor car to be turned out at the local factory was given a try out yesterday under the personal direction of Supt. Moore. The Ghent company is now working on an order of forty cars, all which have been sold to the field men. These cars are now being assembled and on Monday workmen will start putting the steel bodies.

After the first forty cars have been completed work will begin on the Ghent Standard car plans and drawings for which have already been made by Supt. Moore. This car will sell for about \$1,950.

DAVID GOLDSTEIN WILL LECTURE AT GAYETY.

David Goldstein, celebrated lecturer will speak at the Gayety theatre this evening on the subject, "Peace and War." Mr. Goldstein comes here under the auspices of Starved Rock Council, Knights of Columbus. The lecture will be free to the public.

MILITIAMEN MUST TAKE NEW U. S. OATH OR DO POLICE DUTY

ONLY SIX MEMBERS OF COMPANY
C HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO FEDER-
AL OBLIGATION — MEETING
CALLED FOR SUNDAY P. M.

The only members of the company C Third Infantry I. N. G. will be called upon at a meeting in the armory Sunday afternoon to either subscribe to the "Hay" oath putting themselves in to the organized Militia of the United States or remain in the state forces and be sent to some state mobilization camp for general police work.

The only members of the company who so far have taken the new oath are Capt. R. C. Woodward, Lieut. William Raymond, Privates Harold McAlpine, Charles Causland, James Milligan, Jr., and Paul Ziszyk. At the meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the matter will be put squarely up to the men at which time it will be thoroughly discussed. Members of the command, among whom are many unfavorable toward taking the new oath, are now believed to be experiencing a change of mind. When they realize that service is compulsory during the balance of the current enlistment, and the prospects of being sent to state camps, it is thought all will switch to federal service and assume the new obligation.

All guardsmen of the state, according to a legal interpretation of the law, who have not subscribed to the new oath, known as the "Hay" oath, which provides that men now serving in the organizations will be carried on the reserve for three years following the termination of regular enlistment period, are given ten days to make a decision in this matter. Failure to take the new oath will divide the organizations into two classes, one to be known as the Organized Militia of the United States, and the other to be known as purely a state organization and to be directly responsible to the governor of the state in which they reside. Just what disposition will be made of the latter class has not been decided, but it has been suggested that these men be mobilized and used around the large concentration camps, to perform such duties as road building, ditching and assisting in the general police of the camps, thus giving the newly recruited organizations more time for instruction. Some work will be assigned to these men who fail to sign the new oath, as they are recognized as being under military control for the period of their enlistment; and in the local company ninety per cent. of the enlisted men have over two years to serve on the first enlistment, as the majority of them enlisted just after the call of last June.

The official bulletin from the adjutant general's office relative to this subject was received by Capt. Woodward on Wednesday. The substance of the order was as follows: "In view of the existing state of war in this country, and the mobilization of the National Guard being imminent, it is necessary to place all of the organizations of the United States. And the enlisted personnel of the guard will be required to subscribe to the new Federal oath in the next few days. This cannot be delayed longer than the first drill night following the receipt of this order. All men who fail to subscribe to same will be reported direct to this office, the list of names being prepared in duplicate, one to be retained with the records of the company the others to be sent to the office of the adjutant general. The men whose names are contained in these lists will be directly responsible to the governor of the state during the balance of the current enlistment, and he has the power to make such assignment of them as he deems fit.

**Q. SUED FOR \$10,000
BY MAN WHO WAS HURT
ON PAW PAW FREIGHT**

Joel Carter, prominent Earlville resident, is plaintiff in a \$10,000 suit pending in the circuit court against the C. B. & Q. railway. Mr. Carter instituted the proceedings yesterday, thru his attorney, George H. Haight.

Alleging that he received injuries as he was about to transfer from the "Paw Paw" to the Ottawa bound train that are of a permanent nature, Mr. Carter asks that he be remunerated to the extent of \$10,000. He was standing in the train preparing to make the change when the engine gave a lurch throwing him to the floor with such force his hip was dislocated, his ankle wrenched and his body badly bruised and shaken. The accident occurred June 30, 1915, at Sheridan junction.

Game Substituted for Indoor Ball.

On account of the condition of the armory floor games will have to be substituted for the indoor ball game, Friday night. The children of the schools are especially urged to come.

ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO BLOW UP HOTEL

DYNAMITE WAS FOUND BENEATH
PORCH STEPS — AUTHORITIES
HERE ARE MAKING INVESTIGATION.

Seneca, Ill., April 19—(Special)—The dastardly attempts to wreck the Jones Hotel here Tuesday evening were frustrated when Mrs. Barbara McDowell discovered a stick of dynamite, eight inches long, concealed under the front porch of the hotel. A fuse, on the message of death, failed to explode and it was only by mere chance that Miss McDowell discovered the explosive.

Had the arch fiends been successful in their plot the hotel building would have been wrecked and the lives of twenty-five persons endangered.

Mystery to Motive.

The explosive, was sixty per cent dynamite, having a much stronger strength than the dynamite used in the mines at Seneca. In an interview given a reporter this afternoon Miss McDowell stated that she saw the fuse of the dynamite extending out from beneath the steps of the porch. Grabbing hold of the cord-like fuse she discovered the dynamite.

Mrs. McDowell did not discover the explosive until noon yesterday. Wednesday morning she was in Ottawa and during her absence a long distance call was received but the party would talk to no one but Mrs. McDowell. It is believed the person intended to warn her of the fate.

No Threats Had Been Made.

No threats had ever been made to Mrs. McDowell or her parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Ilveny, who runs the Jones Hotel. Today an investigation was launched by the authorities at Ottawa with the hopes of finding the motive to the plot.

**DEPUTY SHERIFFS ARE
GIVEN MORE POWER**

With the declaration of a state of war against Germany deputy sheriffs in La Salle county have vested with new power. In the present crisis the deputy sheriffs have the same power as deputy United States marshals and they have been instructed to watch carefully for acts by enemy aliens and treasonable utterances or operations by citizens friendly towards Germany.

Attorney General Gregory has sent out circular letters to authorities in structing them to have their assistants watch carefully for any treasonable acts.

Special deputy sheriffs, too, have the power of United States marshals.

**C. O. & P. ENGINEER
TALKS TO STUDENTS**

W. F. Carr of the C. O. & P. railway spoke to the La Salle township high school students in the assembly hall yesterday on the subject of civil engineering. This is one of the T. H. S. series of talks on vocational guidance given by men actually engaged in the trades and professions. Mr. Carr's talk was an unusual one from many points of view. He not only outlined the technical qualifications for his profession, but he also emphasized the moral qualities needed generally for success in life. He spoke finely of ideals, of the need of beauty in life, and of that higher conception of utility which makes service and intellectual freedom, and not great wealth, the goal in life.

DOLL HOUSE EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY HALL

Doll houses, made by the children of the third and fourth grade, are exhibited today at Reddick's library. An exceptionally fine display is to be seen. The house made by the Shabbona and Washington school in particular are very fine, every detail in the furnishing of the miniature houses being carried out. The houses were made at the suggestion of Miss Helen Hodgkinson, instructor of decorating in the public schools. The houses will be on exhibit until Saturday evening.

LEWIS SMILES WHEN HE TELLS OF GAYETY SHOW

Smiling all over, Manager Lewis appeared at the Free Trader-Journal this morning announcing that he had booked the best vaudeville ever presented in this city. Feature in the offering for Sunday evening patrons is the "Lono's Hawaiians," singers and musicians, direct from the Land of Aloha. As an added feature to the bill Santos & Hayes, girls with the funny figures are on the bill.

Another act has been booked for the children. Two other all star numbers are on the bill.

TODD FUNERAL WILL BE HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The funeral of Joseph S. Todd will be held Friday afternoon from the late home at 220 Christie street. Rev. Briggs will officiate. Interment will be in the Ottawa Avenue cemetery.

PIANOPHONE CO. IS GETTING READY TO TREBLE ITS OUTPUT

NEW OTTAWA INDUSTRY MAKING
RAPID STRIDES FORWARD—MA-
CHINES AMONG THE BEST ON
MARKET.

The Ottawa Pianophone Co., one of Ottawa's newest additions to its manufacturing line is rapidly coming to the front and inside of six months or a year expects to be employing from 250 to 300 workmen.

This company is capitalized at \$150,000 and officered as follows:

President and Manager—C. M. Bartholomew.

Treasurer—W. H. Blencoe, Chicago. Secretary—Oscar Wolf, Chicago.

The company maintains two offices, one in Ottawa and a general office and show room in the Republic building in Chicago. This concern had been in operation for some time before coming to Ottawa. It had a number of contracts for talking machines and found it was necessary to secure larger quarters to supply the rapidly increasing demand for machines. Negotiations were opened with the Merrifield of this city and the Merrifield Piano factory was purchased. This plant was splendidly arranged for the use to which the new company wanted to put it and practically all the old machinery used in the manufacture of organs and pianos are being used in the manufacture of pianophones. The several departments of the big factory are now in full operation. The wood working department where the work is cut and mortised preparatory to going to the assembling room. The finishing, the painting rooms and polishing rooms are busy places at this time. The factory is turning out seventy pianophones a day and expect to turn out from three to four hundred before the close of the year.

Manager Bartholomew at the present time is negotiating for contracts that provide for furnishing machines to the number of 25,000 each and if these are secured the working force will be immediately tripled. At the present time there are 65 workmen employed in the plant. The factory is being well stocked up with fine woods that go into the manufacture of the cabinet and the several kinds of veneer including mahogany, Circassian walnut, native walnut and oak. These are the standard veneers and they are finished in any way that the wholesalers desire. At the present time four models are being made. These range in price from \$65 to \$125 or \$65, \$75, \$100 and \$125, respectively. The \$100 and \$125 machines are beautifully designed and are equal, if not superior to any machine on the market.

The company will, when its plant is in full operation, manufacture 12 models ranging in price from \$65 to \$350. In addition to these there will be a grand pianophone at a price of \$500.

Manager Bartholomew does not hesitate to say that his machine is the best on the market and he has good reasons for saying so. The second box is made in one continuous piece so that the sound waves are continuous and uninterrupted. All the refinements little attachment found on other high priced machines are made part of the regular equipment of the piano phone.

The cabinet is made out of the best of woods and is so mortised together that if all the glue gave way the cabinet would not fall apart like some furniture that is exposed to the dry heat.

The higher priced machines will be equipped with an electric motor so that all one will have to do to hear Galli Curchi or some of the other notables is to press a button and the concert begins.

Every mechanical device in the manufacture of the pianophone with the exception of the electric motor will be manufactured here including the reproducer and sound arm. The reproducer will play and record and can be easily adapted to play Victor, Pathe or Edison records.

Seventy-five finished machines per day is a lot and means good pay and higher wages to skilled workmen and all desirable citizens.

Arrangements are being made at the present time for opening of a demonstration and salesroom down town similar to the one in Chicago. Manager Bartholomew announces that he has practically closed arrangements for such a room. When the display room is opened the public will be invited to free concerts given on Ottawa's new musical instrument. It was believed at first that there would be more than sufficient room for the accommodation of the pianophone company, but even at this early period it is seen that such will not be the case. Workmen have been engaged for some time passed, clearing the yards of old rubbish and removing the old and useless buildings. One three story building, which was utilized by the Western Cottage Piano company for a saw mill is to be torn down. The building is a frame construction and the Piano-

U. S. PUTS NEW YORK WATER FRONT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

NAB MEN WHO TRIED
TO STIR UP CREED
PREJUDICES IN CITY

MAGAZINE SOLICITORS MEET
WITH REBUFF WHEN THEIR
PECULIAR SYSTEM OF SALES-
MANSHIP FAILS TO PROVE OUT.

Accused of attempting to stir up religious prejudice Philip Regel and J. W. Lyhon, two magazine solicitors were arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Arthur Barrett and Police Officer Jerry Looney and taken before Judge George Koenig where they were each forced to pay \$10 and then instructed to leave the city at once.

The men represent "Truth" a magazine published in New York that purposes teaching the Roman faith and to expose those publications that have been responsible for wholesale charges against the Catholic creed.

The magazine or its publishers were not at all objected to by the local authorities and the arrest of the two men followed when several Catholic families were approached in a manner that clearly was intended to arouse them against their Protestant friends and neighbors, to which they took exception and warned the officials of the operations of Regel and Lyhon. They were immediately placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct. When taken before Judge Koenig they admitted they used this means of arousing prejudice so as to make their business better, then paid their assessment and immediately left the city.

One prominent believer in the Roman doctrines in speaking of the occurrence said:

"Ottawa is too nice a town to permit of strangers coming in here to create prejudice among the people. We live here as one and it is improper that such a practice should be allowed to continue. In arresting these two men the authorities took the right steps and I believe every fair minded citizen will approve of their actions, be they Catholic or Protestant."

Actions Peculiar.

Both men behaved extremely peculiar, according to those they accented. They had a "sliding scale" of charges and a number of receipts taken from them indicate they were charging whatever they could get out of their subscribers. A half dozen people signed for the magazine and are awaiting word from the offices at New York telling whether or not the pair are bona fide representatives of the publication.

One merchant who was approached by Lyhon and Regel offered to take them out into the back yard of his store and give them the trouncing he said "they deserved."

ELECTRIC TEA WAGON BEING MADE HERE

The D. C. Lamb & Co. recently incorporated to manufacture electric supplies and accessories has begun turning out a number of patented articles at his plant on the north side. The two articles to be manufactured are the pull light and the electric tea wagon. The pull light is an electric light on an extension cord fifteen and twenty feet long and is contained in a bronze or copper finished holder. Operation is very similar to that of a curtain shade. These extension lamps are in great demand around machine shops and particularly garages, press rooms, linotype rooms and places where it is impossible or not advisable to provide regular lights. The Lamb Co. have orders for a great many of these extension lights.

Another item of manufacture is the electric tea wagon, this little wagon can be rolled about the serving rooms in hotels, restaurants or private rooms and are so arranged that an electric plug can be attached to the wagon and the necessity of the dangerous gas-line or kerosene flames entirely eliminated.

Mr. Lamb also has opened an electric plating department and will do plating in bronze, nickel and copper as the customer desires.

PHONE COMPANY WILL ALMOST GIVE IT AWAY TO SOME BODY WHO WANTS TO BUILD A BARN OR CAN UTILIZE THE OLD LUMBER IN SOME BUILDING CONSTRUCTION. THE FIRST COMER WILL PROBABLY GET A BARGAIN.

Ottawa can well feel proud of its new talking machine industry. It promises within a few months to be one of the leading industries, if not the greatest employer of labor in the city.

GERMAN PROPERTY IS TAKEN OVER FOR FEDERAL USE TAKE WAREHOUSES

GOVERNMENT ORDERS SHIPPING
LINES TO REMOVE ALL FREIGHT
IN STORAGE—HOMES ARE SEIZ-
ED FOR GOVERNMENT HEAD-
QUARTERS.

New York, April 19—Most of the Hoboken, (N. J.) water front, along which the docks of great German shipping companies are located was placed under martial law today. Three companies of the Twenty-second Infantry of the regular army are patrolling the district.

The Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd Lines were notified that their vast warehouses and wharves must be cleared of all freight immediately. The structures will be held by the soldiers until further notice.

Immediately following the action of the Federal Government, Mayor Griffin of Hoboken, issued a proclamation warning all residents of Hoboken to keep away from the military zone.

This is the first declaration of martial law on United States soil since this country entered the war against Germany.

The private home of Inspector Max Muller of the North German Lloyd Line and Captain Jaka of the Hamburg-American line have been taken over by the military authorities and will be used as headquarters for the naval and army forces respectively.

Washington, D. C., April 19—The differences of opinion between the administration and Congress over the proper way to raise the army of the United States for participation in the crushing of Russian militarism seriously menaces proper preparation, officials declared today. They said that the President cannot accept the House plan of mingled volunteerism and conscription. He has decided that the plan for the army general staff is the only one which will bring the army to proper strength and is prepared to go to any length to force Congress to adopt that view.

The President already has decided to appeal directly to the people to aid his cause. Just how this appeal will be made is not yet known. It may take the form of an address to a joint session of Congress. A public address or a note to the country at large along the lines of his recent manifesto. It is certain, however, that the President, unless Congress shall change front, will tell the nation some plain and unpleasant truths about the volunteer system and the manner in which influence is now being brought to bear to prevent general conscription being ordered.

Army chiefs who know the exact situation openly declared that the present delay and especially the open differences between Congress and the President are sure to have an ill effect in Germany. The German newspapers by direct order, have done everything possible to make the German people believe that the entrance of the United States into the war was in opposition to the wishes of the people generally.

The army men point out that they are certain to emphasize the differences between the President and Congress over the right way to raise an army as proof of this fact.

In the very connection all branches of the service today began taking steps to check the rapidly growing belief that as the result of the successes of the French and British on the western front the end of the war is in sight. That assumption, it is stated, is discouraging preparation and is especially interfering with voluntary enlistments. Germany is far from being crushed, officials say and there is very little doubt that the armies of the United States must be poured into the trenches to bring about ultimate and complete victory.

The British Commission.

Washington, D. C., April 19—The personnel of the British commission which will arrive here shortly to consider co-operative measures with American officials was announced today by the State Department.

The commission is headed by the Rt. Hon. Arthur James Balfour, M. P., O. M. The other members of the party are:

The Hon. Sir Eric Drummond, K. C., M. C. G. B.

Mr. Ian Malcolm, M. P.